Governor Kevin Stitt, Speaker Charles McCall, and President Pro Tem Greg Treat, 

OKLAHOMA NEEDS CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM NOW.

Oklahoma has the highest incarceration rate in the country and world. That means we put more of our people in prison and jail than any other state. Our outdated policies are not making us safer. Instead, our failed criminal justice system is draining money from taxpaying citizens and businesses while hurting our communities and families.

As business and community leaders, we want to attract the best companies to our state so we can grow our economy. We want to create good jobs in our communities. We want the most talented people in the country to make Oklahoma their home. This is hard to do when we are lagging so far behind the rest of the country. Our incarceration problem is an obstacle that hinders Oklahoma’s ability to recruit, retain and grow businesses that power our state.

Oklahoma’s criminal justice system has been studied extensively. Other conservative states have proven what policies work to decrease both crime and incarceration. Under your leadership, we must put those tested ideas into action, and at last put a stop to runaway growth in our prisons and jails.

The research has been completed. The solutions have been identified. We know what the people of Oklahoma want. It’s time to act.

We are endorsing five reforms that will help Oklahoma move away from being No. 1 for incarceration and save our state millions:

1. State Question 780 Retroactivity -- HB 1269
2. Supervision Reform -- HB 2273 / HB 2218
3. Sentence Enhancement Reform -- HB 2009
4. Possession with Intent to Distribute Reform -- HB 1100
5. Bail Reform -- SB 252

WE URGE YOU TO PASS THESE REFORMS THIS SESSION.

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